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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Berger, et al.

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ART UNIT: 1634

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EXAMINER: B. Forman

FOR: Composition for Providing Long-Term Stability to Cells for Diagnostic Testing

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R.
§1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231	
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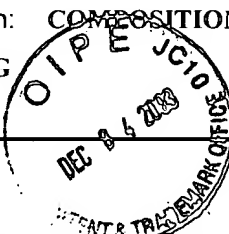
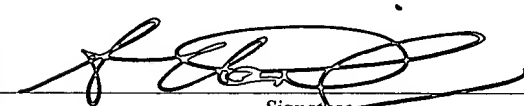
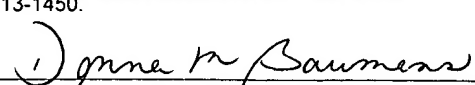
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office action dated May 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as stated in the **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2 of this response.

Please consider the **Remarks/Arguments** beginning on page 4 of this response.

The claims of the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)			Docket No. P-4762		
Applicant(s):					
Serial No. 09/394,006	Filing Date September 10, 1999	Examiner B. Forman	Group Art Unit 1655		
Invention: COMPOSITION FOR PROVIDING LONG-TERM STABILITY TO CELLS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING					
 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1666 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
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Allan M. Kiang Attorney for Applicants Reg. No. 42,275 Becton, Dickinson and Company 1 Becton Drive Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417 201-847-7111			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Dec. 1, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Donna M. Baumann Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence </div>		
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